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For: Compositions and Methods for Detection of *Ehrlichia Canis* and *Ehrlichia Chaffeensis* Antibodies

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed April 8, 2002. It is believed that no fee is due in connection with this filing; however, if a fee is due the Commissioner is authorized to charge our deposit account 13-2490.

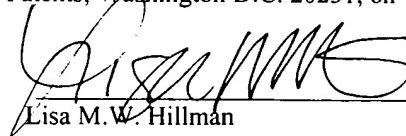
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22. (Amended) The device of claim 21, further comprising instructions for use of the one or more polypeptides for the identification of an *Ehrlichia* infection in a mammal.

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the Assistant Commissioner of Patents, Washington D.C. 20231, on June 19, 2002.

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